

Ticker: MEI AU	SeptQ cash: A\$44.4m	Project: Caldeira
Market cap: A\$528m	Price: A\$0.20/sh	Country: Brazil
REC. (unc): BUY	TARGET (unc): A\$0.50/sh	RISK RATING (unc): HIGH

We view today's announcement of Meteoric receiving a non-binding, conditional Letter of Support from Export Finance Australia for up to US\$50m toward development of the Caldeira Rare Earth Project in Brazil, as very positive. This Letter complements a US\$250m EXIM Bank Letter of Interest received in March 2024, and the ongoing discussions with other Export Credit Agencies and strategic investors. The government-backed funding received to date provides optionality, derisks the US\$443m capex, and improves financing certainty in our view. Our big picture view on rare earths is: the US and western countries will work quickly to establish 3-5 trusted sources of supply, beyond that we think it'll be tough to get new projects funded. We have believed for several years that Meteoric's Caldeira would be one of those projects, due to its large resource base, potential for scalable low-cost production, and because it can be brought online quickly with potential to have DFS and permits in hand by mid-2026. Today's news furthers our conviction that western governments share our assessment of Caldeira, as both US and Australian export finance have provided support for a project located outside their domestic countries. **We maintain our base case estimates today and reiterate our BUY rating and A\$0.50/sh price target based on 0.65x NAV8%.** The next catalysts include the introduction of high-grade ore to the pilot plant in coming weeks, and DFS and construction licence (LI) targeted by mid-2026. With SCPe production of 3-5ktpa NdPr plus 150-250tpa DyTb, we think Caldeira will be an important low-cost source of light and heavy rare earths for the ex. China supply chain.

Caldeira receives US\$50m Letter of Support from EFA, following on US\$250m from US EXIM

Meteoric announced it has received a non-binding and conditional Letter of Support from Export Finance Australia ("EFA") for indicative financing of up to US\$50 million (~A\$77 million) for the development of Caldeira. Meteoric reported that they are also continuing active discussions with the Brazilian Development Bank ("BNDES"), other Export Credit Agencies, and strategic investors having now received this EFA funding support along with the US Export Import Bank's ("EXIM") US\$250M letter of interest received in March 2024.

Why we like Meteoric Resources

1. Low opex in the REE space at US\$9.8/kg TREO (US\$20.6/t Ore)
2. Mine life and resource optionality with 1.5 billion tonne at ~2,400ppm resource
3. Potential to be a major NdPr (SCPe 4-7kpta) and DyTb (~150-300tpa) supplier with strategic importance to the supply chain

Catalysts

- Mid-2026: DFS
- 1H26: Construction License, FID
- 2H26-2H27: SCPe Construction
- 1H28: Commercial production

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Ticker: MEI AU	Price / mkt cap:	A\$0.20/sh, A\$528m	Market P/NAV:	0.12x	Assets:	Caldeira
Author: J Chan	Rec / PT:	BUY / A\$0.50	1xNAV FD:	A\$1.08/sh	Country:	Brazil (Minas Gerais)
Group-level SOTP valuation						
	4Q25		Resource / Reserve	Mt	ppm TREO	000t REO
		US\$m	O/ship	NAVx	A\$/sh	\$m insitu
Caldeira NPV 4Q25		1,930	100%	0.65x	0.68	EV/insitu
Exploration upside	200			0.65x	0.07	
Central SG&A & fin costs 4Q25	(155)		-	0.65x	(0.05)	
Sept'25 cash	30		-	0.65x	0.01	
Cash from options	2		-	0.65x	0.00	
Remaining vendor payments	(10)		-	0.65x	(0.00)	
1xNAV8% spot fully diluted, pre-funded	1,997			0.70		
Assumed equity raised	192			0.65x	0.05	
1xNAV8% spot fully funded	2,188			0.50		
1x fully funded NAVPS sensitivity to gold price and discount / NAV multiple						
Valuation (A\$/sh)	\$80/kg	\$100/kg	\$120/kg	\$140/kg	\$160/kg	
0.45xNAV	0.10	0.25	0.35	0.50	0.60	
0.55xNAV	0.15	0.30	0.45	0.60	0.75	
0.65xNAV	0.15	0.35	0.50	0.70	0.85	
0.75xNAV	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	
Caldeira NPV8% (US\$m)	\$80/kg	\$100/kg	\$120/kg	\$140/kg	\$160/kg	
12% discount	497	834	1,171	1,508	1,845	
10% discount	650	1,065	1,480	1,894	2,309	
8% discount	870	1,400	1,930	2,460	2,989	
6% discount	1,207	1,920	2,633	3,345	4,058	
5% discount	1,450	2,297	3,145	3,992	4,840	
Caldeira 1xNAV sensitivity to MREC recovery and payability						
Caldeira NPV8% (US\$m)	Recov: 60.0%	65.0%	71.0%	75.0%	80.0%	
Payability: 60%	958	1,164	1,411	1,575	1,781	
Payability: 70%	1,397	1,639	1,930	2,124	2,366	
Payability: 80%	1,836	2,115	2,449	2,672	2,951	
Payability: 90%	2,274	2,590	2,968	3,221	3,536	
Payability: 100%	2,713	3,065	3,488	3,769	4,121	
Valuation over time	Jan '25	Jan '26	Jan '27	Jan '28	Jan '29	
Caldeira NPV (US\$m)	1,484	1,842	2,229	2,276	2,250	
Cntrl G&A & fin costs (US\$m)	(150)	(160)	(157)	(108)	(66)	
Exploration and other	200	200	200	200	200	
Net cash (A\$m)	27	(256)	(188)	(119)	(31)	
1xNAV (US\$m)	1,561	1,627	2,084	2,250	2,353	
P/NAV (x):	0.20x	0.27x	0.26x	0.24x	0.23x	
1xNAV share px FD (A\$/sh)	1.00	0.73	0.78	0.84	0.88	
ROI to equity holder (% pa)	401%	91%	57%	43%	34%	
Sources and uses of cash						
SCPe evaluation costs + vendor pmts	A\$35m		SCPe current cash + options	A\$48m		
Build capex	A\$666m		Debt package	A\$432m		
Expansion capex	A\$574m		Equity Raised	A\$288m		
SCPe G&A + fin. cost to prodn	A\$11m		FCF	A\$568m		
SCPe working capital	A\$47m					
Total uses	A\$1333m		Total proceeds	A\$1336m		
Production (100%)	Jun '28	Jun '29	Jun '30	Jun '31	Jun '32	
Caldeira (kt REE)	7.3	12.2	16.4	16.4	16.4	
Caldeira (kt Nd+Pr)	2.4	4.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	
Caldeira (kt Dy+Tb)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Caldeira revenue (US\$/kg REE)	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	
Caldeira group cash cost (US\$/kg REE)	9.7	10.7	11.4	11.4	11.4	
Caldeira group AISC (US\$/kg REE)	11.1	12.1	12.7	12.7	12.7	
25.0						13.0
20.0						12.0
15.0						11.0
10.0						9.0
5.0						
2028E	Caldeira (kt REE)	Caldeira (kt Nd+Pr)	Caldeira group cash cost (US\$/kg REE)	Caldeira group AISC (US\$/kg REE)		
2029E						
2030E						
2031E						
2032E						
Income statement						
	Jun '25	Jun '26	Jun '27	Jun '28	Jun '29	
Revenue (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	385	
COGS (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	(107)	
Gross profit (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	278	
Expenses (A\$m)	—	(3)	(2)	(15)	(9)	
Impairment & other (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	—	
Net finance costs (A\$m)	28	(0)	0	(12)	(28)	
Tax (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	(91)	
Minority interest (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	—	
Net income attr. (A\$m)	28	(3)	(1)	(26)	150	
EBITDA (A\$m)	(45)	(36)	(4)	(4)	268	
Cash flow	Jun '25	Jun '26	Jun '27	Jun '28	Jun '29	
Profit/(loss) after tax (A\$m)	(16)	(37)	(4)	(16)	138	
Add non-cash items (A\$m)	(18)	—	—	—	11	
Less wkg cap / other (A\$m)	1	5	—	(6)	(47)	
Cash flow ops (A\$m)	(34)	(32)	(4)	(22)	102	
PP&E (A\$m)	(1)	(1)	(333)	(333)	(5)	
Other (A\$m)	28	1	(8)	—	—	
Cash flow inv. (A\$m)	27	(0)	(340)	(333)	(5)	
Debt draw (repayment) (A\$m)	0	—	216	216	(86)	
Equity issuance (A\$m)	5	—	288	—	—	
Other (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	—	
Cash flow fin. (A\$m)	5	—	504	216	(86)	
Net change post forex (A\$m)	(3)	(33)	160	(139)	10	
FCF (A\$m)	(35)	(34)	(337)	(355)	96	
Balance sheet	Jun '25	Jun '26	Jun '27	Jun '28	Jun '29	
Cash (A\$m)	14	11	171	32	41	
Accounts receivable (A\$m)	0	2	2	—	47	
Inventories (A\$m)	0	0	0	—	9	
PPE & exploration (A\$m)	1	2	343	676	670	
Other (A\$m)	1	2	2	2	2	
Total assets (A\$m)	16	17	517	709	770	
Debt (A\$m)	—	—	216	432	346	
Other liabilities (A\$m)	8	9	9	0	9	
Shareholders equity (A\$m)	107	144	432	432	432	
Retained earnings (A\$m)	(99)	(136)	(139)	(155)	(17)	
Minority int. & other (A\$m)	—	—	—	—	—	
Liabilities+equity (A\$m)	16	17	517	709	770	
Net cash (A\$m)	14	11	(45)	(400)	(304)	
Net debt to NTM EBITDA (x)	nmf	nmf	nmf	1.5x	0.7x	

Source: SCP estimates

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